

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 689
By DuBois

A RESOLUTION to recognize Linda Blackmon on the occasion of her retirement as Principal of McDowell Elementary School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize, particularly on the occasion of their retirement, those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Linda Blackmon is one such estimable educator; having distinguished herself as an exemplary classroom teacher and administrator, she will soon enter into a well-deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Blackmon has served with acumen and alacrity as a kindergarten teacher, second grade teacher, co-coordinator of the Title One Program, and Principal for 27 exemplary years in the Maury County School System, instructing and positively influencing the children at McDowell Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, she is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who has worked assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; she works especially well with "at risk" students due to her "Yes, I Can" attitude; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Blackmon truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, she is an active and important part of her community and her profession, participating in and lending her support to numerous civic and educational organizations; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, Linda Blackmon has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her colleagues and students alike; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Blackmon truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized for her manifold achievements on the occasion of her retirement; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor Linda Blackmon, commending her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, saluting her professional expertise and personal excellence, and extending to her our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.